

the “Flame of Hope,” which symbolizes the dreams of millions.

One of the athletes who is going to carry the torch today is Karen Dickerson. Karen is a tireless advocate for her fellow athletes. She’s what we’d call a fierce competitor. In the 2003 World Games in Ireland, Karen was told that she had a stress fracture in her leg. Yet through sheer willpower, she won the bronze medal. She has since run two Marine Corps Marathons. In the Boston Marathon this April, she finished in the top 10 percent of all women.

I want to thank you for being here. Karen should serve as an inspiration for a lot of folks in our country. You’re a true champ, just like every other Special Olympian that has joined us today and the millions who will be in Shanghai later on. Your success is best measured not by the medals you win but the kind of courage you show.

You follow your dreams, you never gave up, and you’ve shown us what the Olympic spirit is all about.

And so we send you to the World Games with our love and our prayers. We ask that you carry the greetings of the American people with you when you go to Shanghai and our wish for a world—and that you remind the people that our wish for our world is a more welcoming, more hopeful, and more peaceful place.

God bless you all, and good luck.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:45 a.m. in the Rose Garden at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to President Hu Jintao of China. The transcript released by the Office of the Press Secretary included the remarks of the First Lady, who introduced the President.

Memorandum on the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign *July 26, 2007*

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

Subject: 2007 Combined Federal Campaign

Admiral Thad W. Allen, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, has agreed to serve as the Honorary National Chairman of the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign. I ask you to enthusiastically support the CFC by personally chairing the campaign in your agency and by exhorting top agency officials around the country to do the same.

The Combined Federal Campaign is an important way for Federal employees to support thousands of worthy charities. Public servants not only contribute to the campaign but also assume leadership roles to ensure its success.

Your personal support and enthusiasm will help positively influence thousands of employees and will guarantee another successful campaign.

GEORGE W. BUSH

Remarks Following a Meeting With Economic Advisers on the National Economy *July 27, 2007*

I want to thank my economic advisers for joining me here in the Cabinet. Today

we’ve had wide-ranging discussions about